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Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol Takes the Stage

by Marlaina Geffers-
Staff Writer

The first snowfall of the year for the Poconos occurred at the East Stroudsburg North High School's Auditorium when it was transformed into the streets of London, 1844. The historically accurate costumes dressed the professional and community actors, as they told a story of forgiveness and the change one old man's heart. Based on Charles Dickens' famous A Christmas Carol, this classic Christmas tale was witnessed by students from the north school, numerous other local schools, and community members during its stay on the stage from December 5th through the 9th.

Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol, directed by Michael Harron, had become an annual event during the nineties, but it has now found its new home on the stage of East Stroudsburg North. This was the first time the school facilities were opened to an outside company bringing in their talent and expertise to this school. Students from the Gifted and Enrichment Program were able to learn from these professionals in different areas of studies including: set design, light operation, sound operation, and backstage management. There was an incredible amount of sharing and giving backstage while the same lesson was taught to the audience onstage. This truly was an exciting event for all who participated.

For those who were unfortunate and missed the groundbreaking production, this will become a tradition for everyone to witness yearly. The main lesson of the play, "When all else is lost, the future still remains," can be pertinent to everyone all year long. Especially in this time of uncertainty, it is comforting to know that a new tradition for the holidays is in the making. All individuals involved with the production are looking forward to next year and this wonderful production of yesteryear.

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What Lies on the Road Ahead: Safer Driving

by Abby Devaney-
Editor-in-chief

"Don't speed! Keep your eyes on the road! Make sure the radio is not on too loud!" Chances are all teen drivers have heard some of these phrases from parents and driving instructors. Sure this seems like a nuisance at first, I mean teens are always in a rush, ready to grab a coat, run out the door, and then are stopped by those nagging voices! "Make sure you are not fooling around in the car with your friends! Don't do any joyriding! PLEASE GO SLOW!!!"

Yeah, yeah, I mean it has been said so many times before. But how many times does an actual accident have to come true for these words to sink in? Maybe teen drivers just have to be told the first time, the fifth, tenth, or even the thirtieth to listen to one's parents, but I guess that is if you are lucky. Some people actually learn from their own mistakes, instead of actually listening to the things their parents have said. But not all of us can come out of a "phew, that was a close one" or a "jeez the car is wrecked, but it's not that bad" still standing. Some people are not fortunate enough to learn first-hand about speed and distraction behind the wheel and walk away alive. Many people are killed. Speed kills. So many distractions behind the wheel kill people! There is a reason your parents are telling you these things. They know what lies ahead on the road.

One of the biggest killers in today's society is road fatality. This should come as a scary thought to many people especially if they are drivers. The biggest cause of road fatalities is speed. But even that known fact is not a wake-up call to many drivers. Accident after accident occurs, but when will it sink into people's heads that speed and distraction behind the wheel kills? It is true that the best way to learn something is purely through experience, but learning through experiencing a speed accident does not necessarily guarantee that one will come out alive. Experience here is not the best way to learn. Learn by what you are told. It is a simple solution: slow down, do not let all those distractions take your attention from the road, and most of all listen to what your parents are saying. If you have to turn off your cell phone, turn it off; turn down the radio, or even tell your friend in the car before you start to drive to not distract you.

Remember that it is that time of year when the roads will soon be getting icy, wet, and slippery, so please drive cautiously. There have been many people hurt and even killed from speeding and distraction accidents. Know what lies on the road ahead, and drive safely.

Here are some basic rules for driving:

1) Speed kills, so you should drive slowly.
2) Obey and observe signs and signals because these signs are not there to just look good, you must do what the signs say.
3) Do not run red lights, because this could be fatal and cost the lives of innocent people around you if something should go wrong.
4) You must keep a safe distance between you and other cars. You should keep at least 1 car length for every 10 Km p/h of speed.
5) Last, and it is the most important thing, always wear seat belts for you and your fellow passenger(s) safety.

photo by staff

Do not let your new car become smashed. Slow down and follow the rules of the road.

Snowboarding: A Cool Winter Sport

by Andrew Juell-
Staff Writer

Winter is coming to the Poconos once again. For some, it means the end of fun, but for others like myself it means that the fun is about to begin. Snowboarding is here again and this winter looks as if it is going to be a good one. Now, if you have no idea about snowboarding, there are many ways to learn about snowboarding. One, you can go to your local sports shop; two, you can go on the net.

I will tell you this, you cannot actually know what snowboarding is by watching any movie like the one in theaters right now called "Out Cold". This movie makes snowboarders look like a bunch of teen dropouts. I do not think that is how the snowboarding community would like to be defined. The sport of snowboarding is great. It is one of the most fun sports during the winter. Snowboarding is not as expensive as one might think. The average cost per day on the slope is about $25 for a lift ticket and equipment runs about $25. Even if you try it for one day, it is worth it for you are able to enjoy the wintertime outside in the sun and snow.

However, snowboarding is not for some. It is tough and difficult to learn (learning will take about two days), but it is so much fun when you actually learn how to do it. The pro riders in this sport did not just hop on a board and become the best. They have been riding for at least eight to ten years. Snowboarding is a very competitive sport. Ski mountains have competitions at almost every mountain that you can ride such as Boarder Cross to Big Air but they are all fun to try.

The bottom line is to know what this sport is about. So do not listen to your friend or the T.V., or even some irrelevant film companies interpretation of this sport. Find out for yourself. If you want a good opinion on how to get involved in snowboarding you can talk to these people Brian Fink, Phil Vancleaf, Greg Baldwin, Dan Scavone, Andrew Juell or Joe Carter aka. Fat Joe.

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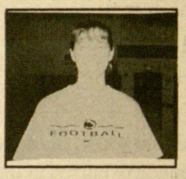
Inquiring Photos

What is your favorite Christmas Tradition?

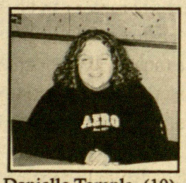
Suzanne Devaney and Ashley Charille (11)--

"Watching 'A Christmas Story' on Christmas day on TNT 12 times in a row together."



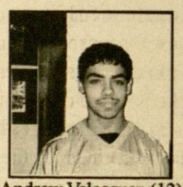
Ms. Falzone- (Teacher)

"Every year, my family and I decorate the Christmas tree on my birthday, December 23."



Danielle Temple- (10)

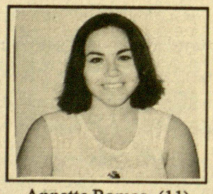
"My sister, brother, and I exchange gifts the night before."



Andrew Velasquez (12)

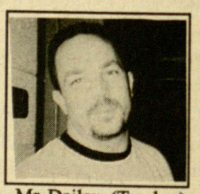
"Waking up early in the morning to to open my gifts."

What is your favorite Christmas gift?



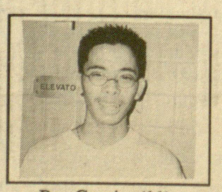
Annette Ramos- (11)

"Lots of chocolate."



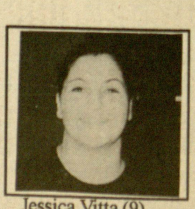
Mr. Dailey- (Teacher)

"The gift of giving."



Ray Garcia- (11)

"A minidisc player."



Jessica Vitta (9)

"A futon."

Drama II Play: "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?"

by Christina Torres-
Section Writer

Ever think of dancing on stage as a pig? How about being a grandma, or maybe even a wolf dancing?

Well, on November 29th at 7:00 p.m. there was a lot of dancing going on inside the ESHS-N auditorium. The East Stroudsburg North's very own Drama II class performed the play "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" by Tom McCabe. The play was also preformed for the students of Bushkill and Resica Elementary.

The play is a mix of the Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. The students were literally howling with laughter as the three little pigs ran around on the stage. The funny Grandma, played by Nicole Gioia and the Mother, played by Jennifer Paulino, entertained the children with the play's introduction. The Three Little Pigs were, Kayla Goble, the oldest named Porky; Kim Moucha, the middle pig named Oinker; and Julia "Bacon Bits" Matos. Chris Lombardi played the Woodsman and Sarah Wallace was Little Red Riding Hood. The Big Bad Wolf was played by David Wertz.

This group of young adults lifted the elementary students and shook them awake. They were funny and interacted with the elementary students as if they were in the play themselves.

They also had practices after school to prepare for the performance. This is what some of the cast had to say about the play:
"I think the characters and costumes were the best part of the play. We were able to portray the personalities that we wanted while picking out the costumes. Playing Oinker was exciting because I got to be wild and act a little ditzy while dancing around like a pig" remarked Moucha. Gioia said, "I couldn't have imagined a better character than Grandma. Creating her was so much fun. She's the type of Grandma that I want to be- crazy." Wertz said "This play adds a new twist to an old classic."

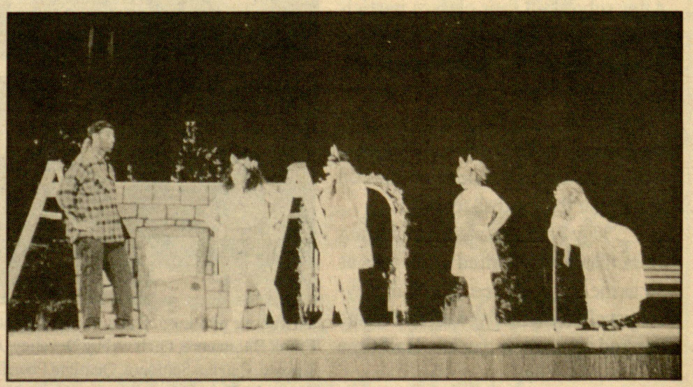
The children from the elementary schools really loved the play as witnessed by the numerous thank-you cards received. Many of the teachers stated, "We can not wait to be invited back. It was a great play." Miss Kropcho the director stated, "I am so proud of my students. They all worked so hard and performed wonderfully. I also want to thank the faculty and administration for all of their support with this production. I am so lucky to be teaching in such a great school."
Miss Kropcho is looking forward to next year's Drama II class. This year's production can best be summed up by Lombardi, "The play was a lot of fun and it turned out just the way we wanted it to. It was a very enjoyable experience watching the children interact with our characters. It was an unforgettable experience."

Photos by Kim Moucha
Nicole Gioia delivers her performance as Grandma. Grandma is enjoying talking with the children.

Dave Wertz, the wolf, and Sarah Wallace, Little Red, smile before their final performance.

The three little pigs: Kayla Goble, Julia Matos, and Kim Moucha pose for the camera.

The wolf, Dave Wertz, is ready to blow in the straw house of the three little pigs. What are the pigs to do? Why run away of course only to build their next house out of wood. Of course, the wolf blows this house down as well. Finally, the pigs build their house out brick. The wolf can not blow this one down.



Chris Lombardi, the woodsman, is explaining to the pigs, Grandma, and Little Red Riding Hood that he is not the wolf. Of course, they do not believe him until he answers the third question of "Why do you have such big and pearly teeth?" with "Why because I brush them every day."

Homecoming 2001: A Fun Time for All

by Jen Pearson-
Section Editor

Who says Timberwolves do not have school spirit? It was definitely not someone who saw the student body the week of homecoming because the school halls pulsed with excitement. Annual competitions were announced and lines were drawn between the classes as students prepared for the big game at the north campus.

Since students had a four-day weekend, the classes put extra time and effort into their floats. The freshman built oversized ABC blocks for their "Rugrats" float while the sophomores developed homemade proton packs similar to the ones in " Ghostbusters". As for the juniors and seniors, they worked not even a mile apart. Seniors laughed at drive by photographers while recreating "The Jetsons" as the rest of the juniors tried to recreate "The Flintstones" car. In the end, there were four amazing trucks (or dump truck in the seniors case) pulling trailers with outstanding floats. The winner being the Junior theme, "The Flintstones."

To get their adrenaline pumping students dove into Spirit Week. On Wednesday, students cashed in their hard earned money for the right to participate in Hat Day. Everything from baseball caps to Dr. Seuss hats bounced through the halls. On Thursday déjà vous was a popular feeling as students dressed alike for Twin Day. After school all four classes participated in hall decorating. Balloons, painted signs, and streamers in the school colors brought the halls to life. Carolina blue, black, and silver filled the gym at Friday's pep rally. Sports were introduced but none compared to the roar the football team got.

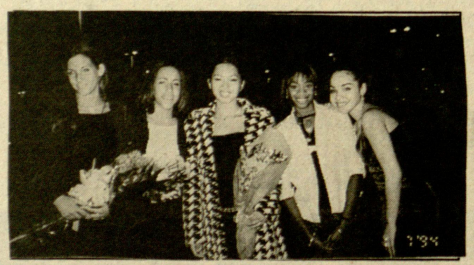
By 7pm, the stands and grass were filled with spirited screamers as far as the eye could see. Football players psyched themselves up and floats hooked up to their trucks. Half time arrived and it was time to introduce the Homecoming Court. Two by two, the stylishly clad nominees were introduced: Josh Gonnoud and Abby Devaney, Terrence Bomar and Quatima Powell, Frank Buonacore and Catrina Samonte, and Mark Boesch and Anne Marie Aponte. Floats with screaming and dancing characters circled the field. "Rugrats" performed their skit while "Ghostbusters" shot their packs. Brightly colored "Flintstones" interacted as space aged "Jetsons" rocked it senior style to 'Eep Op Ork'. After their second round, the 2001 homecoming king and queen were announced: Terrence Bomar and Quatima Powell winning the time honored tradition. Miss Powell stated after winning, "I was really happy to win. I knew that the competition would be tough, but I am so pleased that the student body in the end voted for me."

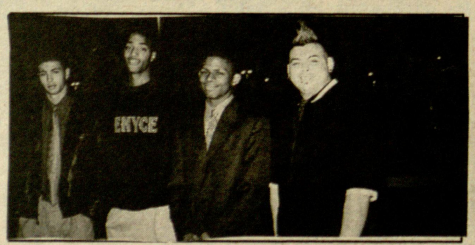
As the game came to a close, T-wolf fans continued to yell for their team. Though Lakeland walked away winners of the football game, the north team knew that they played great for the first homecoming game to played on native soil. Many of the students and parents alike were pleased to watch homecoming at the north campus.

Photos courtesy of yearbook

One of the many hallways decorated for spirit week. Showcased the famous motto of Mr. Chuck Dailey.

The "Flintstones" float wins best float amongst tough competition between the classes.





Two above pictures: The homecoming court. Not pictured Frank Buonacore. Girls: Abby Devaney, Anne Marie Aponte, Catrina Samonte, Quatima Powell, and Nilmarie Mercado. Boys: Mark Boesch , Jason Alers, Terrence Bomar and Josh Gonnoud.

The winners of homecoming Quatima Powell and Terrence Bomar pose for a picture with Iris Powell, Ms. Quatima Powell's mother.

Featured Individual Student Spotlights

Christina Miro

by Virginia Garcia-
Staff Writer

Imagine receiving notice that one of the top schools in the nation wants you because you have exceptional athletic capabilities, not to mention an outstanding academic record. It may sound like a dream, but for one of East Stroudsburg-North's very own, it is a reality. Christina Miro, a senior at the North campus has been offered a full scholarship to Syracuse University for softball. It may seem that she is just lucky to be talented in such a field, but this is not the case. A lot of hard work and training has gone into perfecting her swing, strengthening her arm, and increasing her speed. Ever since Miro was eight years old, she has done nothing but basically breathe softball. She first played League in New York and was the only girl in her team to make the All Star League. Miro was also chosen as one of the fifteen out of two thousand to play in the All Star Team NY where they played teams from various places including Tokyo. From seventh grade until recently she has played for ASA, which is the governing body of softball. Throughout her softball career she has been awarded with a plethora of MVP awards, All Conference, NFCA East Region First Team, and NSA Nationals First Team. Currently, she plays for Team New Jersey where only a selected few can play on this high profile team. Everyday, her workout consists of 40 minutes of swinging her bat, lifting, 3- 4 hour practices that are very rigorous, games every weekend during the fall and summer and there are 4- 6 games per day. Miro's schedule is definitely hectic but she has not let her academics fail although she has struggled at times. Other activities she is involved with are basketball, the school's softball team, field hockey, tennis, and vice president of the junior class. A few colleges that were interested in Christina Miro were Hofstra University, Virginia Tech, UNC Chapel Hill, Penn State, University of Iowa and the list goes on. Having the skills and talent Miro has and the ability to balance her schedule out is difficult but all the hard work and effort has paid off. Next fall, she will be on her way to prestigious Syracuse University where she will study communications and continue to play softball.

Miro recently said that she is looking forward to playing for Syaracuse and attending school.

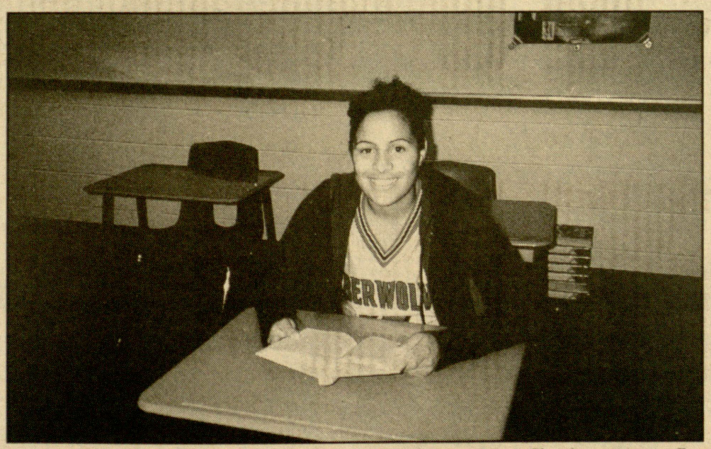


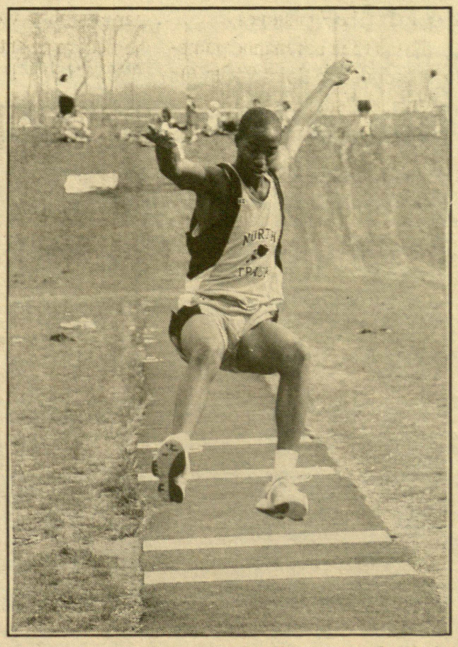
Photo by newspaper staff

Christina Miro is looking forward to attending Syracuse University. She stated recently that she can hardly wait for the school year to end and that she is looking forward to playing softball for Syracuse.

Jason Alers

by Sarah Wallace-
Section Editor

Jason Alers accomplished what no one else at the ESHS-N school ever has. Alers, a 2002 senior, will go down in history as the first athlete ever to qualify for a state competition. Alers accomplished this feat in the sport of cross-country. Cross-country is a sport where the athletes race a distance of 3.1 miles on rugged terrain, Alers best time was an amazing 16 minutes and 47 seconds. Cross-country coach Mr. Rick Roberts says, " Jason worked extremely hard, he followed the game plan I set for him and by doing this he achieved our desired goal". Alers hard work and determination led him to finish as one of the top 20 runners at the district competition which qualified him to run in the state meet in Hershey, PA. Alers says " It was a good experience, cross country is not my main sport, so I was very happy to make it to the state meet. It was awesome to be the first in the school." Alers' running career does not end here, " My goal is to make it to states in track as an individual also". He also hopes to run track and field at the collegiate level. Check out Alers on the basketball court this winter and then he is right back to running with track and field in the spring.
Alers contributes his success mainly to his willingness to work hard. His mother constantly pushed him to succeed and told him to pray in order to reach his goals. Of course the star athlete did not meet immediate success when starting out in Cross Country as a freshman. But he soon gained his rhythm the following year and achieved a second place position in Cross Country in all of Westchester County. East Stroudsburg saw its first glimpse of Alers' gift as he made it to districts his junior year in Track and Field as a part of the 4x800 and 4x400. Regardless of the fact that he has achieved so much success, Alers still plans to continue to acquire great accomplishments in Track and Field. "One of my main goals is to be able to make it real far, maybe even to the Olympics."



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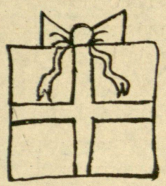
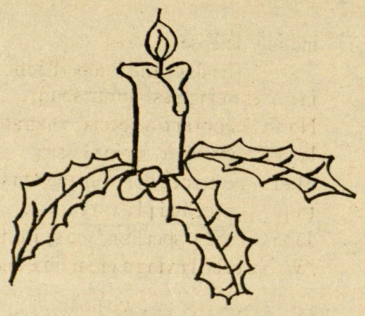
Jason Alers competes at the long jump during the track season last season. Alers continually works hard at his athletic performance.

Happy Holiday Wishes

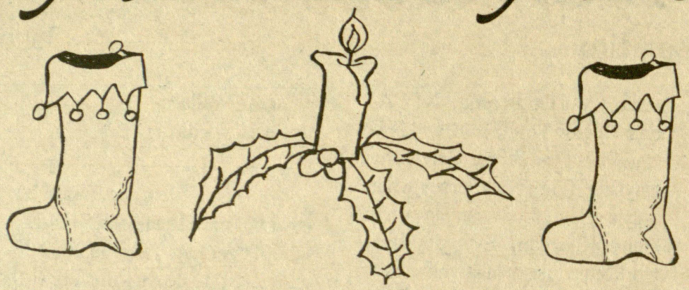


Sarah Wallace- to my best female friend. Have a merry Christmas! Shea Martens
All FBLA members- Thanks for doing such a great job!! We really appreciate your help in starting our brand new club! We will have a great year and a lot of success in our store. THANKS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Ms. Beitman and Mr. Kish
ALL- best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season! Mrs. Campbell, M.S., NCC School counselor
My Drama 1 and II students- I am so proud of the job you all did with the play. You are all awesome and I am so lucky to have such wonderful students. Ms. Kropcho
Happy Holidays- To all my students, I hope you have a wonderful break and a great holiday season. May the New Year bring you all that you desire. Ms. Kropcho
Abby, Annie, Jackie- Best friends. I love you guys so much! Merry Christmas. Sarah
ACC Students- GET IT DONE! Mr. Myers
Sarah- The sooner you accept my relationship with Bern, the easier it will be. I am sorry guys are always treating you bad. I love you anyways! Me, you, and Abbs: dogs-for-life! Annie
2002 Seniors- you guys rock!! Seniors are the best, baby!! Merry x-mas!! Happy hannukah! Happy kwanza! Love you, guys!!! santy clause! Kristen Gonczi-
my mixed friend, its ok your not a full PR maybe one day you'll get a tan and some rhythm. I watch #1
Annie- just



wanted to tell you the boy is mine. He is my PR present and you cant have him, guess you'll have to settle for the rest of your list! Christina
My favorite little person (Jessica Paolino)- even after a year I still think your awesome, and its okay if your mean to me. I still luv ya and don't forget to visit me next year! Christina Miro
Suzanne- hello! This is a message from your "dirty south" buddies. Willber, Greg, Andrew, and Kevin.
Shea- I love you like a bro! Merry Christmas! Sarah
Ashley and Mike and all their friends that I know- have a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Mom Nagele
Shea and Colin- Colin- please don't die- I'll be sad! You're the best wrestler ever! Shea- you're a crazy kid, but I still love you! Oh man- we're SENIORS! I love you guys! Anne-Marie
Mrs. Sacco (Abby)- ladi, ladi, ladi, ladi ,ladi,ladi, la.... (you know the rest!) Happy shlong bun day! Just kidding- it's Christmas, silly! Best friends! Too bad we don't have the same name...oh well. Love ya! DJ RAAS! Lauren McCallahi! You're the best sister, and I am very lucky to have you for a twin, love always! Laura

Happy Holiday Wishes



Jason Alers- Merry Christmas! I am so blessed to share another Christmas with you. You truly make me happy. I love you. Courtney Camacho

All of my lovely friends- I love you guys so much! Its hard to believe that most of us will be gone next year. I hope everyone has a GREAT x-mas and new yrs! Party!! Love always, Kim Johnson

Meg Rourke- You're the bestest friend in the whole world! I love you! Meg Wallace

Mr. Nevil- May you find your happy place this holiday season! Mr. Berke

Abby- Have a Merry Christmas. BUDDY. Love ya! Khail

Anne Marie & Sarah- Annie you're the best buddy, and Sarah I'm writing this to you because you don't get things from your buddy. Jordan Novotny

The class of 2002- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! You're all the Best. With Love, Mark & RoseAnn DeCoske

Mr. Berke- I love you brother!! Mr. Nevil

Anthony Ericksen- Hey you're a great person. Even in our ups and downs, I wish you the best. It hurts that were not together, but you mean a lot to me. Merry Christmas. A caring person, Luisa Rivera

Laura McCalla- Hi Laura, I hope you have a great Christmas and like my gift. Love always, Lauren

Eric DeCoske- Happiest Holiday Ever! Hugs are the best, love Mom

Catrina Samonte- I think you are so fine and have the prettiest voice. Anonymous

Quatimo & Julie- My 2 new best friends. We keepin' Gangsta. Love peace & chicken grease. LeQuene

Johanna (O-Jo)- 6 yrs. & we are still tight. WE ARE the real BEST FRIENDS in the school. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. LeQuene

My great General Business Students! Thank you for making my job enjoyable to come to everyday. Mr. Kish

Phil VanCleaf- Iffle Kinkle Wooble Slooble -Slooby toobies, Tinkle Winkle. Hoooooeeeee. B's treaz and fleaz. Treaz

My Brother, Quatima, LeQuene and Julia- I love you guys. We've been through thick and thin, together. And we still stayed tight! Much love, (The one and only Johanna)

Meg Wallace- Meg I love you, you're my best friend in the whole world and Merry Christmas. Shea I love you! Meg Rourke

Courtney- lovely b-ball player, 32 & 45, I just want to let you know how much you mean to me and that I am always going to be there for you. Love, husband, Jay

My Girls- Lequene, Johanna, Nilmarie, Quatima, Christina, Jenny and everyone I forgot. Merry Christmas!! Julia Matos

Berries (P. T.) - Super Mercado-Y-Jennifer Paulino- I love you guys! I'm broke- I got no mula for you chula! But I'm sending all my love, Merry Christmas. To the bestest realist chicks in school. Desiree

To My Beautiful Senior Class Officers- Thank you for all your help throughout the

Happy Holiday Wishes

year so far. You are all doing a great job and it is my honor to be your Advisor! Mr. Kish

Ramon- Hey baby! I think you are so great!! Stay sweet! Merry X-mas and I'll be lookin' 4 you under the mistletoe! Secret Admirer

Courtney- You my favorite PR! I will miss you a lot next year, while I'm at 'cuse. Let's enjoy our last year! I watch

Desiree Rivera- Thanks for always being there for me in good times and bad. This is the year where I truly learned that you are my one true friend, I love you Ma! Nilmarie Mercado

Performers, Actors, Musicians, Dancers- Join us in 2002 for our 25th year on the community stage. Watch the local media for audition announcements. Pocono Lively Arts

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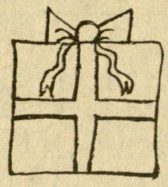

nelson and Chris - just wanted to tell you guys merry Christmas!! And I hope you get lots of presents!! Jayna Arroyo "floca"

Lindsey, Steffanie, Ashley, and Olivia - you are all my gurls and I love you's to death. Thanx for everything (you know what I mean) Laura Massaro

To all the newspaper staff - Have a Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all. Keep the good cheer and spread to all those around you. Mr. Marcial

Nena, Miget, Stephie, and amit- Hey! I just wanted to wish you all a merry Christmas! Jayna Arroyo "flaca"

Ky, NyQuil, Grumpy- You know who you are. 1st block crew I hope where ever you are you have a good x-mas. Mito

To all band members and Mr. P- this marching season was so fun! Thanks for everything!! Merry Christmas to you all! Katie Sibilia

Berke- get it done!! HO HO HO. Your mentor

Anne-Marie- wishing you the very best Christmas to the very best daughter. L+K

My tennis girls- lots of love and happiness to you this Christmas! Coach

Harry baby- love you lots, Merry Christmas. L+K

Evalyn- You are the prettiest girl in this school. Will you go out with me?? Justin

All my French students- Francais I to VII - Joyeux Noel Et Bonne Annee! Madame Lagace

Students in Mr. Milsovic's classes- Thanks for a superlative fall! May you find peace and prosperity

during the holiday season. Take the time to thank the individuals who have made a difference in your life. Take care.. Mr. Milsovic

Tom Camelot- I'm starting to agree with Josh, you and me are bound to get married. I love you! Love always, Jen

The sacs- we're hardcore. That's all I gotta say. Shea-bird

My dearest Tommy Camelot- I am soooooo in love with you. You are just so wonderful!!! I cant wait until you marry me like you promised!!! Call me!! Your future wife

Sue, Beth- Hi girls hope you have a great Christmas! I will ha ha ha. You girls are great and I'm always here for you. Peace. Chris

Mock Trial Works Hard

Compiled by Newspaper Staff

The East Stroudsburg North School Mock Trial team started their 2001-2002 season off with an exceptional performance at the Monroe County Bar Association invitational competition on November 17, 2001.

The competition, hosted by Pocono Mountain H.S., involved a series of four trials where the team had to argue a ficticious case from both prosecution and defense angles. The team had spent two months preparing for this case that involved a crazed lunatic who murders a high school softball coach and is using the insanity defense.

The team did a superb job in representing East Stroudsburg North School and a special congratulations goes out to senior Jessica Starr, who earned the team their first trophy for second place attorney. John Ginsberg speaks of the season: "We've been having a great time and are ready for our next competiton in February. Already, we have people who want to try out for witnesses and lawyers. With any luck, we'll make it to the state competition."
The team is looking forward to the February meet and knows that it faces tough competition. However, the team is ready to go and win.

Make It a Christmas to Remember

by Jennifer Paulino-
Section Editor

Tis that time of year again! The time has come in which you can once again open your eyes to the beauty of Christmas and all of its treasures. Wreaths and stockings are hanging, Christmas trees are surrounded with endless presents, and the shining of Christmas lights illuminate the cold winter nights. Yet this year there is something undeniably different about the holidays. Everything in our country seems to have changed after that dreadful day in September. Now there seems to be even more reason to stay a little closer and hang on a little longer to family during the Christmas season. As a result of the past tragedies, today there are numerous families who are incomplete and who have lost the ones they love.

Take this time of the year just to remember. Remember those who have passed and those who are mourning their losses. Take a good look at your family and be thankful that they are standing beside you. No matter how stubborn we may all be at times or how much our families may drive us crazy, embrace the Christmas spirit and make it a Christmas to remember.

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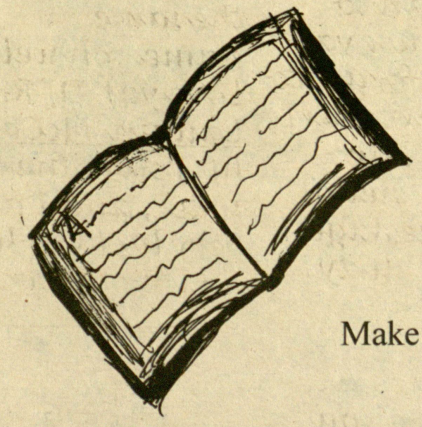

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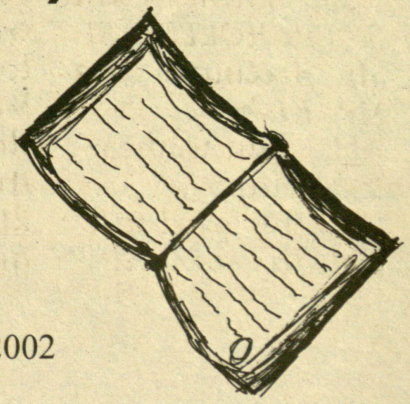

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Sports

Soccer's Season Top Notch in 2001

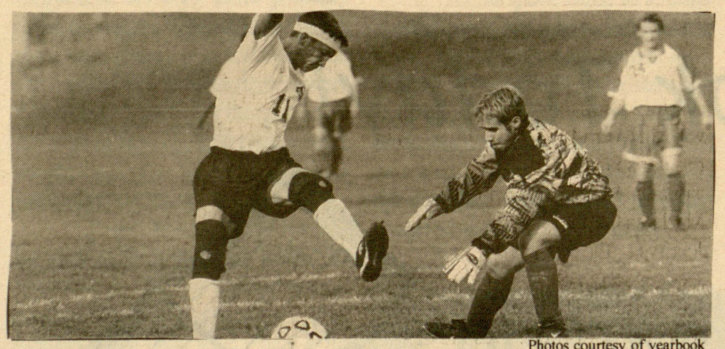
by Sarah Wallace-
Section Editor

This season the E.N.S. boys soccer team kept everyone watching as they fell one win short of making it to the district competition. With a record this season of 12-4-3, there was not much stopping these young men. Senior Mike Ferrara speaks about the season; " We worked hard all season even though we fell just short of districts. We had an awesome season; our record is much improved from last year. I am proud of all the guys for their hard work and determination." The soccer team did show much improvement from lasts year's record of 8 and 10. This season's junior goalie, Greg Baldwin, led the team to have an astounding 10 shutouts!! Junior Mike Soldo says, " Everyone showed a lot of dedication which got us as far as we did. We showed a lot of teams that even though we are just a 2nd year program they still couldn't stop us." The guys proved to us that they are capable of doing just about anything so watch out next year. For if these young athletes keep up the good work we can definitely plan on an improvement in their already good record and possibly win a district championship!

Cross Country Improves this Season

by Josh Elder-
Staff Writer

Led by Jason Alers and Beth Donchez, the cross-country team had an exiting and productive season. The team finished with a 3-14 record only because of the few numbers. Not only did the cross-country team improve upon their record from last year, but every member of the team qualified for Districts. In addition, Jason Alers, was able to qualify for States, becoming the first person to do so in ENS history. But it is important to note that it was Coach Roberts, who was one of the primary factors in enabling the cross-country team to accomplish new heights. Cross Country runner Beth Donchez commented, "He (Coach Roberts) knew when to push us, how to inspire us, and which way to lead us; we all are very thankful to have a Coach like him." The team will be saddened due to the loss of three outstanding seniors: Jason Alers, Cory Conant and Carl Pellington. However, the team is still positive that they can push on to new accomplishments next year.



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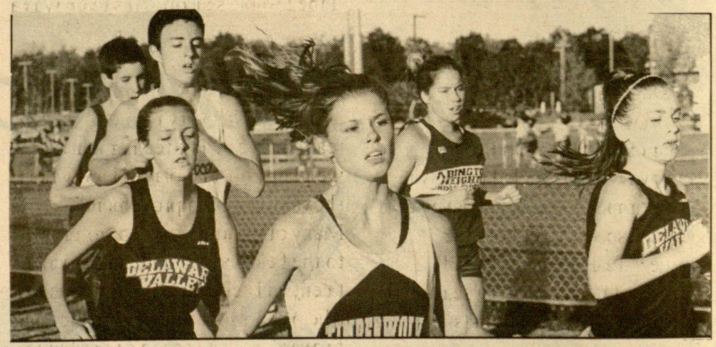
Number 11, Brian Fink , attempts to make a goal against the opposing team at a meet this fall.



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Pictured above: Beth Donchez, a junior, performs her all at a meet this season.

Senior soccer players pose for a picture. Left to right: Ray Burok, Brian Fink, Mike Ferrara, Randy Palmer, Eric DeCoske, Mike Frugiuele, Ryan McLaughlin.

The start of a meet this year. Pictured left to right: Brandon Harvey, Cory Conant, Carl Pellington, Beth Donchez, and Henry Roberts.

Field Hockey Ignites the North Field

by Katie Sibilia-
Staff Writer

The second season of the ENS Timberwolves field hockey team has come to a close. The season was hard yet fun and successful. The team ended their season with a 3-15-2 record. The team was coached this season by Miss Holly Eich and assisted by coach Mr. Jason Kish. The team also had four hard working captains. The two senior captains were Abby Devaney and Sarah Wallace. The junior captains were Suzanne Devaney and Jackie Bigio. Player # 6 Kelly May stated, "The team showed a lot of improvement and we had a lot of dedicated players". The team had their annual end of the year banquet on Sunday, November 4th, 2001. During the banquet, pro field hockey official/ former National team member, Marge Grainger came and talked to the girls. Three players were awarded during the banquet. Toniann Padavano received the most improved player. Sarah Wallace was awarded the coaches award. The hustle award was given to Abby Devaney. The MVP is unknown until it is announced in the spring. For any other team info, go online at www.eteamz.com/ northfieldhockey.

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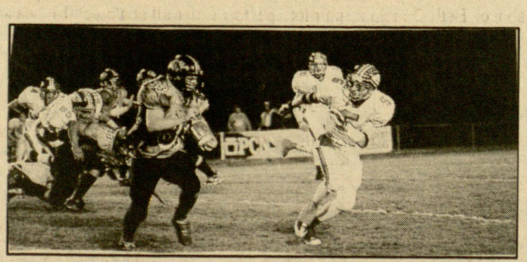
Two players, Suzanne Devaney and Kelly May, prepare to make their move against the opposing team.

Football Improves in 2001

Compiled by Newspaper Staff

The football team completed its season with a 3-8 record. The coach, Mr. Dailey said, "The motto for this season was '0-10 never again' and we far exceeded this motto in everyway. We compiled three wins, were competitive at a high level, and gained respect throughout the league." Team member David Krupski stated, " It was a season of great improvement and firsts. We stole a win, but we had a few stolen from us. Overall, it was an unbelievable season. This team was a lot different than last year's team. We knew we could win."
Senior player, Chris Lombardi, added, " I was very proud of the team this year. The team got in the weight room, and played hard which showed a lot of improvement."
Many of the juniors will be returning to the field and the underclassmen's talent will help the team next season. The players and coaches are looking forward to next season's possibilities.



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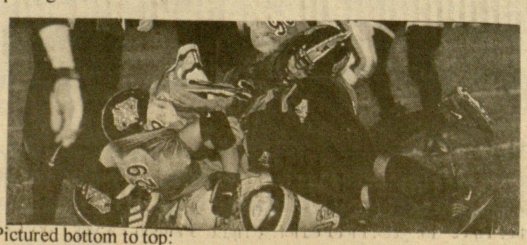
Tim Michaels, a junior, runs the ball down the field against #5 from the opposing team.



Pictured bottom to top:
Frank Bonacoure, Chris Lombardi, and Chris Lynch pile on top of the opposing Lakeland team.

Girl's Tennis: A Great Season in '01

by Anne Marie Aponte-
Staff Writer

The East Stroudsburg- North Girls' tennis team had another successful season this year, finishing up with an overall record of 9-4 (7-3) in regular season play. Led by co-captains Anne Marie Aponte, Marlaina Geffers, and Olivia Jezowski, the team was the #1 seeded Class AA team in the Northern Division, which earned them a spot in team districts. Despite their loss to Scranton Prep in the semi-finals, the team was none-the-less proud of their performance. "We played really well against Prep," commented head coach Betty Aponte. "A year ago we were losing badly to teams of this caliber. But this time around we really put up a fight and let people know that we are here to play." This year Aponte was assisted by Coach Holly Falzone.

The tennis team piled up a number of impressive victories throughout their season. One of their most crucial wins came against rival Delaware Valley at home. The match went late into the night, but was finally decided by key wins for North in doubles play. The team also beat out East Stroudsburg- South by a score of 4-3.

The team is graduating 7 seniors, so Coach Aponte will look to returning players to step up and take a leadership role. "It's sad having to leave the girls, especially when we were just starting to make a name for ourselves," remarks senior Anne Marie Aponte, "but there is no doubt in my mind that the team will continue the success we've experienced the past two years. I know that juniors like Emily Maddalena and Rachel DeRoche will have no problems filling our shoes as leaders of this squad. These girls, along with the rest of this team, have proven that they know what it takes to be competitive, and I wish them the best of luck next year."

Photo courtesy of yearbook

The tennis team displays their school spirit at the fall sports spirit assembly.

Individual Spotlights for the Winter Sports Season

by Abby Devaney-
Editor-in-chief

Josh Elder

Sport: Swimming
Year: Senior
Events: 100 free and 100 back
Hobbies/Activities: NHS, YMCA Swimming (Pocono Piranhas), L.E.O club
Last season: went to districts for HS swimming and went to districts as well as states for YMCA swimming

Josh has been a dedicated member of the ES North swim team. Last season, he Captain and MVP of the Varsity Team. Josh has been swimming full time since last season. He hopes to attend Districts again and maybe even States this year.

Kayla Goble

Sport: Rifle
Year: Senior
Position: #1 position on team
Hobbies/Activities: Acting, drama
Last Season: districts, placed 17th in regions--

This is Kayla's 4th year on the varsity rifle team. Set back because of illnesses last year, Kayla was unable to finish the season at her optimum level. This season she shoots to get in the top two at regions.

Anne Marie Aponte

Sport: Basketball
Year: Senior
Position: Point Guard
Hobbies/Activities: Tennis, SGA, DJ RAAS
Last Season: varsity captain, record 0-24

Annie has been playing b-ball for 6 years. Her goals for the wolves this year are to win a few games and play as a team. She says that the girls and her "realize that people don't expect much from us based on our record from last year, but that only motivates us more. I have a feeling we are going to surprise a lot of people this year!"

Leslie Russo

Sport: Cheerleading
Year: Senior
Hobbies/Activities: Softball, Fall Cheerleading
Last Season: The team has improved a lot since last season, though many obstacles have come in the way of the team, the girls continue to work hard

Leslie is a varsity member cheerleader. She works hard every practice to perfect her moves and cheers as well as the chants. She feels that the girls have "accomplished a lot this year." She is really proud of everyone in the squad. Her goals for the team this year are for them to compete in competitions this spring. They have really been working hard.

Jon DeJesus

Sport: Basketball
Year: Junior
Position: Point Guard
Hobbies/Activities: playing basketball and chillin with his friends
Last Season: stats> 10pts per game, 5 assists per game, free throws 85% made (3rd in league)

Jon is really looking forward to the season this year because the boys have been working hard in practice, trying to get better day by day as a team. Jon says that the boys, "want to win a district championship this year" and will try to "advance into the state playoffs!" He feels that the boys have to take it one game at a time and improve each day. Eventually that will payoff in the long run.

Jess Sciarabba

Sport: Swimming
Year: Junior
Event: 100 back, 200 IM, 500 free
Hobbies/Activities: creating art, singing
Last Season: went to districts, record holder in the 100 back, a record holder in the 200 IM relay

Jessica is ready and excited for this season. As a record holder in many events she plans to improve a lot and beat her old records. She thinks that the team this year is really going to work together and will have a great season. She plans to strengthen her shoulder and become stronger in the 100 back to return to districts.

Wrestling Off to a Great Start in '01

by David Krupski-
Featured Guest Writer

Wrestling is off to a strong start this season. The team is 1-1 after two matches. The first win came against Blue Ridge with a key win at 112 pounds by Anthony Rambone. He is one of the many freshman who will be a key to this years sucess. Mike Wright, John Slipe, Nick Pavone, and John Medrano are the others. This years team is anchored by captains Colin Elwood (Sr.), David Krupski (Jr.), and Joe Peteroy (So.). Like every other winter sport, the beginning wrestlers will need to step it in order to fill in empty spots. A few wrestlers who have done well for the team are; Tom Gardella, Justin Wood, Rob Shields, and Lazslo Wagner.

This years team, like many of the other sports, will be one of improvement. In the past weekend's tournament in Abington Heights they held their own. Nick Pavone placed third and Joe Peteroy, Lazslo Wagner and David Krupski all placed fifth. With their win on Wednesday, December 5, wrestling will have a good chance to win their division this year. If everyone stays heathly, the team should have a good showing at the District Tournament.

On the upcoming year, team member Tom Gardella states, "It will be worlds better then last year."

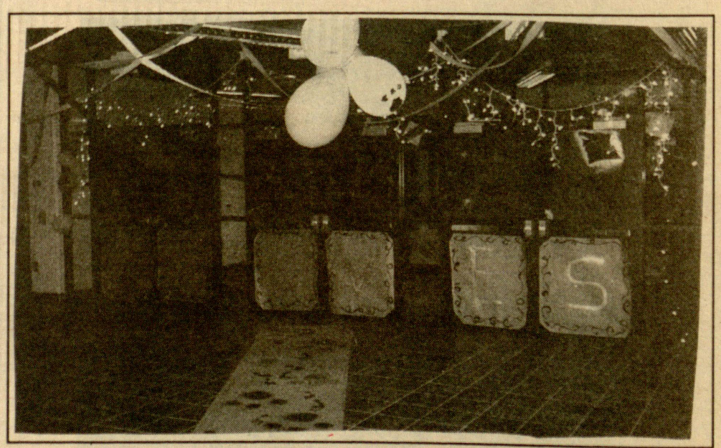


photo by Jen Pearson

Picture of a hallway decorated for spirit week. The depiction represents the pride found in the school for all of the sports teams whether in the fall, winter, or spring. Go Wolves!